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The OER is an active member of the BLM's Boise District Resource Advisory Council Subcommittee that has been tasked with reviewing the routing options on the Gateway West Transmission Line Project.

Gateway West 500kV Transmission Line Project

The Gateway West Transmission Line Project is a 500kV high-voltage transmission line to be constructed between Windstar Substation near Glenrock, Wyoming and Hemingway Substation near Melba, Idaho. The purpose of the project is to provide reliability to the region's transmission system, deliver power from existing and future electric resources including renewable resources, and provide electricity to meet increasing consumer demand.

The BLM issued a Record of Decision in November 2013 approving 8 of the 10 project segments while deferring decision on segments 8 and 9 for further evaluation. The two remaining segments are from Midpoint and Cedar Hill to Hemingway Substation respectively. The BLM delayed these segments due largely to concerns involving routing in and around the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area.

The Idaho Governor's Office of Energy Resources (OER) is an active member of the BLM's Boise District Resource Advisory Council Subcommittee that has been tasked with reviewing the routing options. The Subcommittee will give a recommendation to the full Boise District Resource Advisory Council who will then provide BLM with a recommendation. The OER is working with all stakeholders to find a resolution to get the last two segments of the project sited. Our position has always been that approved routing options must have the least amount of impact on the least number of people while still meeting the purpose and need of this critical infrastructure.

Additional information and route maps can be found here: <http://www.gatewaywestproject.com/>

OER Awarded Grant to Develop Statewide Energy Team

The OER has received funding from the United States Forest Service to develop and administer the Idaho Statewide Wood-to-Energy Team (ID-SWET). Although the members of the ID-SWET have been proactively pursuing wood-to-energy project development in their respective regions over the past several decades, the coordination of a statewide team has been lacking. The purpose of the ID-SWET is to advance the facilitation of sustainable biomass utilization, support forest health restoration and



This auger system is feeding the woody biomass system at the Council School District. Superintendent Murray Dalgleish reports that this system is saving the taxpayers upwards of \$50,000 a year in heating expenses.



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stewardship, expand economic opportunities, and encourage greater energy independence.

The ID-SWET has established three regional "Clusters" within Idaho: The Southwest, Southeast, and Northern Clusters. These Clusters have begun coordinating to further advance wood-to-energy projects as well as educating the public on the benefits of biomass utilization. The first ID-SWET regional public workshop will be held at the Lost Trail Ski Resort, off Highway 93 on the Idaho/Montana border, on June 17-18, 2014. The agenda, registration, and additional information about the project can be found on ID-SWET's webpage: <http://energy.idaho.gov/renewableenergy/biomass.htm>

Reviving Your Building Energy Audit

Do you have a building energy audit sitting somewhere on a shelf collecting dust—perhaps you had every intention of pursuing the opportunities identified but encountered time or money constraints. Now your audit is months, or perhaps even years old, well dust that audit off. The information contained is still viable and can be brought back to life.

The University of Idaho Integrated Design Lab in Boise (IDL) is dedicated to the development of high performance energy efficient buildings in the Intermountain West. They recommend:

"Reviewing past building energy audits annually. Previous audits can be a valuable resource to facilities and management teams not only because they're likely to still contain valid recommendations for improvements, but they also offer a means of tracking past work for benchmarking activities and utility use analysis."

Katrina Leichter, Integrated Design Lab

The OER K-12 Energy Efficiency Project conducted 894 energy audits in school buildings across Idaho. Each school district received the original building energy audits from the Project, if the audits cannot be located, the OER has copies available for distribution.

As time passes, market conditions change, and energy savings opportunities that were originally cost prohibitive may now be feasible—find your building energy audit, and look into the potential energy savings.



2014 Summit: What if? Getting from here to there by 2040.

Supporting a coherent, coordinated, sustained and balanced approach to energy in the Intermountain Region.

August 19-20, 2014

Idaho Falls, Idaho

Shilo Inn and Conference Center

Keynote Speakers:

U.S. Energy Secretary Dr. Ernest Moniz and U.S. Congressman Mike Simpson

To Register for this event and additional information visit:

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